

The information collected on form SSA-754 is used by the Social Security Administration to prove or disprove the existence of a valid common-law marriage. The respondents are individuals who allege a common-law marriage to someone entitled to Social Security benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 15,000 hours.

3. Worker's Compensation/Public Disability Benefit Questionnaire—0960-0247. The information collected on form SSA-546 is used by the Social Security Administration to help determine if receipt of a workmen's compensation or public disability benefit by an individual will cause a reduction in his or her Social Security disability benefits. The respondents are applicants for Social Security Title II disability benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 25,000 hours.

4. Voluntary Customer Surveys In Accordance with E.O. 12862 Within the Social Security Administration—0960-0526. These voluntary customer surveys will be used to ascertain customer satisfaction with the Social Security Administration in terms of timeliness, appropriateness, access, and other measures of quality service. Surveys will involve individuals that are the direct or indirect beneficiaries of SSA services. The average burden per response for these activities is estimated to range from 5 minutes for a simple comment card to 2 hours for participation in a focus group.

FY 1997:

*Number of Respondents:* 1,377,423.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 129,902 hours.

FY 1998:

*Number of Respondents:* 1,389,413.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 133,062.

FY 1999:

*Number of Respondents:* 1,389,529.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 133,354.

Written comments and recommendations regarding these information collections should be sent within 30 days of the date of this publication. Comments may be directed to OMB and SSA at the following addresses:

(OMB)—Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

(SSA)—Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Dated: September 13, 1996.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 7, 1996 (FR 61, page 9223).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Weaver, (202) 366-2811, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration (MARAD)

*Title:* Uniform Financial Reporting Requirements.

*Type of Request:* Approval of changes to a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0005.

*Form Number:* MA-172.

*Affected Public:* Various ship-building and ship-owning companies which choose to participate in the Maritime Administration's loan guarantee and operating support programs.

*Abstract:* Form MA-172 consists of a balance sheet, an income statement, schedules of debt and equipment, and listings of company officers, stockholders, and related parties. In

order to reduce the burden of the current information collection, Form MA-172 would be reduced in scope and number of schedules. The information in the MA-172 is integral to conventional financial records generally kept by all businesses, but is supplemental to their financial statements prepared periodically. Therefore, much of the form can be satisfied by the information found in the financial statements audited by certified public accountants and can be substituted by copies of the published data or listings from the company records.

Thus, the time required to complete a MA-172 can be reduced to an efficient gathering of existing documents.

*Need and Use of the Information:* MARAD administers financial assistance programs promoting the U.S. merchant marine. This information collection is in compliance with those program regulations requiring financial reporting used in reviews and analyses to determine compliance with contractual requirements and to evaluate industry financial trends.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* The total annual burden is 2,375 hours for 190 responses, 12 hours per response. The total hours should decrease when the changes covered by this request for comments are implemented.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention OST Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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